

acted with independent authority and power, and called upon the United States vessels for assistance in case the Provisional Government should refuse to recognize him and his government and his passports. Of course Mr. Willis was only a Minister and this measure should be adopted by the Provisional Government, he would be at once deprived of his authority. In view of such a contingency as this, the President, it is said, has given Mr. Willis a commission as a commanding officer of the navy, so that he would have full authority to order the troops ashore in case he should need their assistance in restoring the monarchy. This report is incorrect, inasmuch as, at least, for a considerable time, the